

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, November 17, 1998  
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Palo Verde Conference Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Patrick McDermott, Chandler, Chairman	Steve Hancock, Mesa
*Mark Mansfield, ADOT	*Tracy Stevens, Peoria
*Christopher Miller, Gilbert	John Siefert, Phoenix
Susan Bookspan, Glendale	Maureen Mageau-DeCindis, RPTA
*Larry Martinez, Goodyear	Amy MacAulay, Scottsdale
Mike Cartsonis, Litchfield Park	Eric Iwersen, Tempe
Aaron Iverson, Maricopa County	

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dawn Coomer, MAG  
Ed Packard, Surprise

1. Call to Order

Chairman Patrick McDermott called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Approval of the October 20, 1998 Meeting Minutes

Steve Hancock moved to approve the October 20, 1998 meeting minutes, Eric Iwersen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

No members of the audience were present to address the Task Force.

4. Regional Transportation Stakeholders Meeting

Dawn Coomer addressed the Task Force and provided an overview of the agenda item. She reviewed the process used to develop guidelines for selecting projects included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Regional Transportation Stakeholders Meeting would be held on Wednesday, November 18, 1998. Members had received a fax with suggested input for the meeting, and were asked to return comments by Monday, November 16, 1998. This suggested input used the principles

recommended as part of the Task Force's changes to the Congestion Management System. Some members returned comments, and these were included in the revised input. Dawn distributed the input for discussion and review.

Amy MacAulay noted that not all of her comments needed to be included under item four; this point should, however, be emphasized more than the others. John Siefert suggested changing "local" to "arterial" in item four, and changing "multi-use" to off-street. Pat McDermott commented that this list would provide a basis for discussion at the Regional Transportation Stakeholders Meeting, but that the comments would not likely be discussed verbatim. The committee agreed on the input to be used for the meeting.

5. Status Report on FYs 1998, 1999 and 2000 Federally Funded Bicycle Projects

Dawn Coomer distributed an updated version of the Attachment. She noted that there had been no significant changes since the last meeting, and requested that committee members submit any changes.

Paul Ward added that work on the FY 2000-2004 TIP was beginning, and that additional funding may be available. He suggested that members examine projects to see if any could be advanced, or if the federal share could be increased. In addition, the scope of existing projects could be expanded to take advantage of these funds. He added that new projects were also an option. All 2001-2003 projects could be accelerated to FY 2000 or sooner, if feasible.

John Siefert noted that the amount for the Phoenix FY 2001 project was incorrect, as was the street description. He noted that the project was located at 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue rather than 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, and that the federal share should be \$943,000. The correction was noted, and will be incorporated into the next version of the status report.

6. Draft Schedule for 1999 Regional Bicycle Task Force Meetings

Dawn Coomer addressed the committee, noting that a draft schedule of meetings had been prepared. In general, meetings were scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month, except August, at 1:00 p.m. in the Octotillo Room. The meeting schedule was agreeable to committee members.

7. Congestion Management System Update

Paul Ward addressed the Task Force and distributed a table explaining the adopted CMS rating system. He explained the current system. He noted that the "v/c future" category may be eliminated under the congestion factor portion of the rating system. Pat McDermott asked how this change would affect bicycle projects, and Paul responded that there would probably not be any effect on bicycle projects. Paul continued by distributing a table explaining the proposed changes to the CMS rating system. Pat asked how the CMS influences selection of projects. Paul responded that the CMS rating goes to the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) along with the RBTF rating system.

Paul continued to review RBTF recommended changes to the CMS. He noted that the multi-modal numbers did not correspond with the maximum allowable points in the multi-modal category. The committee discussed possible solutions. Amy MacAulay noted that wide curb lanes should be removed from the system, as should “wide lane with no stripe.” Paul responded that this change has already been made. Aaron Iverson asked if facilities with grade separations should be worth more, and the committee discussed this.

Steve Hancock noted that the goal of the changes was to give equal weight to bike lanes and multi-use paths. John Siefert asked how a project adding signalization to a path where it intersects an arterial street would be rated. Paul responded that this project would probably be categorized as a multi use path.

Pat summarized committee discussion. He said that the term “completing a segment” or “closing a gap” should be used rather than grade separation. A bike lane should be given a weight of 6 points, and a multi-use path should also be given a rating of 6 points. “Closing a gap” should be given a weight of 1.5 points. While this item was on the agenda for information and discussion only, the committee agreed to the changes as discussed.

#### 8. Bicycle Plan Update

Dawn Coomer addressed the committee, summarizing changes made to Working Paper Three. She explained that some changes were recommended to the Regional Bicycle Plan map as well, and summarized the changes. Dawn asked for suggestions for improvements to the Working paper, and noted the recommended action listed in the agenda. She added that Pat McDermott had requested that item one from the recommended action be deleted, since this change should not be made to the bicycle plan.

Amy MacAulay suggested placing freeways on the maps, and John Siefert suggested placing canals on the maps. Eric Iwersen noted that canals were on the off-road network map. Amy mentioned that she had some changes to Figure 1-2 and would submit them at a later date. Mike Cartsonis also submitted some changes to the text in the Working paper for consideration.

Steve Hancock moved to accept the working paper as a component of the plan update with the changes indicated by the committee, and to adopt the following changes to the MAG Regional Bicycle Plan: (1) Move Route 59 from Alma School to Dobson between Elliot and Guadalupe; (2) Move Route 19 from Northern to Glendale (Route 54) between 91<sup>st</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> Avenues; (3) Extend Route 35 northeast to the eastern border of Scottsdale; (4) Rename Route 70 from State Route 74 at Wickenburg and extending along Carefree Highway to Cave Creek Road (route 35) as Route 72; (5) Rename Route 70 along McDowell Mountain Road/Fountain Hills Boulevard from Rio Verde Drive south to Fountain Hills as Route 75 and (6) Create a new Route 70 beginning on Dynamite/Rio Verde Drive at 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Route 19) and continuing east to State Route 87 (Route 59). John Siefert seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Pat McDermott asked if there was discussion of any other items. Steve noted that projects for Enhancement Funds had been selected, and distributed a list of the projects. He also distributed

information on the Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program. He mentioned that developing an off-road bikeway network might be a good idea to be funded by the program.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 1998 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.